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SUBJECT: STATEMENTS BY GOI AND GON FONMINS ON KEFLAVIK

BASE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: A) OTTAWA 1925, B) REYKJAVIK 0823

FOLLOWING QUOTES TAKEN FROM REPORTING CABLE (REF A) ON
NATOMIN MORNING SESSION, JUNE 18:

QUOTE PARA 33. NOTING THAT ONE OF THE ISSUES IN THE
PRESENT ELECTION CAMPAIGN WAS THE FUTURE OF THE IDF,
AGUSTSSON SAID HE WISHES BRIEFLY TO RECALL HIS GOVERN-
MENT'S DEFENSE POLICY WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN EX-
PLAINED TO THE COUNCIL. HIS GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO
CONTINUE COOPERATION WITH ALL ITS ALLIES AND TO CONTINUE
ICELANDIC MEMBERSHIP IN NATO. IT HAD NEVER OCCURRED
TO HIM AS FOREIGN MINISTER TO SUGGEST ANY OTHER COURSE.
REGARDING THE PRESENCE OF MILITARY FORCES IN ICELAND,
HOWEVER, THE GOAL OF HIS GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN TO BRING
ABOUT CONDITIONS WHEREBY THERE WOULD BE NO MILITARY
FORCES IN ICELAND DURING TIMES OF PEACE. ICELAND, WORKING
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TOWARD THAT GOAL IN A SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE WITH THE TNITED

STATES, HAD SUBMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES ICELAND'S FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATING. HE EXPRESSED HIS HOPE FOR A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HE WOULD THEN SUBMIT TO HIS PARLIAMENT FOR RATIFICATION.

PARA 44. FRYDENLUND WELCOMED THE STATEMENT OF INT:NIONS OF THE NEW PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AND HE WISHED PORTUAL SUCCESS IN COPING WITH ITS PROBLE?S BOTH IN PORTUGAL AND IN AFRICA. HE CONCLUDED WITH AN EXPRESSION OF APPRECIA-TION TO THE ICELANDIC FONMIN FOR THE STATEMENT ON ICELANDIC DEFENSE POLICY. NORWAY HOPED FOR AN OUTCOME OF THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS THAT WILL BE SATISFACTORY TO THE BASIC SECURITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE ALLIANCE, AND WILL AT THE SAME TIME BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE ICELANDIC PEOPLE. END QUOTE.

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